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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RABAT 3851

1. YOU SHOULD INFORM KING HASSAN THAT WE APPRECIATE THE INTEREST HE HAS TAKEN IN THE JORDANIAN AIR DEFENSE PROBLEM AND HIS GENEROUS OFFER TO ASSIST IN TRYING TO RESOLVE IT SATISFACTORILY. YOU SHOULD STATE THAT, FORTUNATELY, DEVELOPMENTS THAT HAVE OCCURRED FOLLOWING KING HUSSEIN'S RETURN FROM THE SOVIET UNION ON JUNE 28 INDICATE THERE IS NOW A REASONABLE POSSIBILITY THAT THE JORDANIANS AND THE SAUDIS ARE ON THE ROAD TOWARD WORKING OUT SATISFACTORY FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT WOULD ALLOW THE SALE OF U.S. AIR DEFENSE EQUIPMENT TO JORDAN TO GO FORWARD AND THUS OBTAIN THE NEED FOR KING HUSSEIN TO PURSUE A SOVIET DEAL. YOU SHOULD ADD THAT WE HOPE TO HAVE MORE CONCLUSIVE INFO

ON THIS SUBJECT IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS AND THAT, IN THE MEAN-TIME, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THE MATTER CAN BE RESOLVED BETWEEN THE GOJ AND THE SAG WITH OUR ASSISTANCE. KISSINGER

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